

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2006

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

PUBLIC SESSION: 7:00 P.M.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

II. Executive Session – Personnel pursuant to RI State Law 42-46-5(a)(1) and Contract and Litigation pursuant to RI State Law 42-46-5(a)(2)

III. Call to Order – Open Session

IV. Roll Call/Quorum

V. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – February 13, 2006

VI. Minutes of Previous Meeting – February 1, 2006

VII. Public Acknowledgements / Communications

VIII. Chairperson Communications

IX. Superintendent Communications

X. School Committee Member Communications

XI. Public Hearing

a. Students (Agenda/Non-agenda Items)

b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)

XII. Consent Calendar/Consent Agenda

RESOLUTIONS

SPONSORED BY THE COMMITTEE

NO. 06-2-7 – Whereas, Erin Lagasse, did an outstanding job as a member of the Cranston High School West girls' cross country team during the 2005 fall sports season, and

Whereas, she helped guide her team to their third consecutive undefeated dual meet season which included a very impressive third place finish at the State Meet, and

Whereas, through her continued hard work, endless preparation, and

dedication throughout the entire cross country season, was recognized as one of the state's runners finishing fifth at the State Meet with a time of 19.43, was the third Rhode Island finisher at the New England Meet and placed eighteenth at the prestigious Brown Invitational with the third fastest time among Rhode Island athletes, and

Whereas, because of her outstanding personal accomplishments throughout the entire cross country season has been recognized as a member of the 2005 Providence Journal First Team All-State Cross Country,

Be it RESOLVED that Erin Lagasse be congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for her hard work and dedication to the sport of cross country, and

Be it further RESOLVED that she be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the committee.

NO. 06-2-8 – Whereas, Nicole Cocozza did an outstanding job as a member of the Cranston High School West girls' cross country team during the 2005 fall sports season, and

Whereas, she helped guide her team to their third consecutive undefeated dual meet season which included a very impressive third place finish at the State Meet, and

Whereas, through her continued hard work, endless preparation, and dedication throughout the entire cross country season was recognized as one of the state's runners finishing third at the State Meet with a time of 19.41, was the top Rhode Island finisher at the New England Meet with a time of 20.06 and placed tenth in the Varsity II race at the prestigious Brown Invitational, and

Whereas, because of her outstanding personal accomplishments throughout the entire cross country season has been recognized as a member of the 2005 Providence Journal First Team All-State Cross Country,

Be it RESOLVED that Nicole Cocozza be congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for her hard work and dedication to the sport of cross country, and

Be it further RESOLVED that she be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the committee.

NO. 06-2-9 – Whereas, Anthony Castelli did an outstanding job as a member of the Cranston High School West varsity football team during the 2005 fall sports season, and

Whereas, he helped guide his team to an overall record of 10-5 which included a very impressive 28-21 non-league win over Fitch High

School (one of the top rated teams in

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Connecticut) as Cranston West made their second consecutive Division I playoff appearance, and

Whereas, through his continued hard work, endless preparation, and dedication throughout the entire football season was recognized as one of the state's top defensive backs making an incredible 106 tackles, had 5 interceptions and pound for pound widely considered the hardest hitter in the entire state, and

Whereas, because of his outstanding personal accomplishments throughout the entire football season has been recognized as a member of the 2005 Providence Journal First Team All-State as a defensive back,

Be it RESOLVED that Anthony Castelli be congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for his hard work and dedication to the sport of football, and

Be it further RESOLVED that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the committee.

NO. 06-2-10 – Whereas, Anthony Ferrer did an outstanding job as a

member of the Cranston High School West varsity football team during the 2005 fall sports season, and

Whereas, he helped guide his team to an overall record of 10-5 which included a very impressive 28-21 non-league win over Fitch High School (one of the top rated teams in Connecticut) as Cranston West made their second consecutive Division I playoff appearance, and

Whereas, through his continued hard work, endless preparation, and dedication throughout the entire football season was recognized as one of the state's top linebackers making 64 solo tackles, on the offensive side of the ball rushed for 1,438 yards and 20 touchdowns, and

Whereas, because of his outstanding personal accomplishments throughout the entire football season has been recognized as a member of the 2005 Providence Journal First Team All-State as a linebacker for the second consecutive season,

Be it RESOLVED that Anthony Ferrer be congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for his hard work and dedication to the sport of football, and

Be it further RESOLVED that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the committee.

NO. 06-2-11 – Whereas, Rob Angell did an outstanding job as a member of the Cranston High School East varsity football team during the 2005 fall sports season, and

Whereas, he helped guide his team to an overall record of 10-3 which included a very impressive 27-24 playoff win over Shea High School and a thrilling 21-14 victory over Tolman High School that gave Cranston East their first state championship since 1987, and

Whereas, through his continued hard work, endless preparation, and dedication throughout the entire football season was recognized as one of the state's top linebackers making 114 tackles, including 17 for losses, 4 sacks and 3 forced fumbles and on the offensive side of the ball blocked for a backfield that gained over 3,000 yards, and

Whereas, because of his outstanding personal accomplishments throughout the entire football season has been recognized as a member of the 2005 Providence Journal First Team All-State as an offensive lineman,

Be it RESOLVED that Rob Angell be congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for his hard work and dedication to the sport of football, and

Be it further RESOLVED that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the committee.

NO. 06-2-12 – Whereas, Miguel Prata did an outstanding job as a member of the Cranston High School East varsity football team during the 2005 fall sports season, and

Whereas, he helped guide his team to an overall record of 10-3 which included a very impressive 27-24 playoff win over Shea High School and a thrilling 21-14 victory over Tolman High School that gave Cranston East their first state championship since 1987, and

Whereas, through his continued hard work, endless preparation, and dedication throughout the entire football season was recognized as one of the state's top defensive linemen making 81 tackles, 3 forced fumbles and an incredible 14 quarterback sacks on the offensive side of the ball blocked for a backfield that gained over 3,000 yards, and

Whereas, because of his outstanding personal accomplishments throughout the entire football season has been recognized as a member of the 2005 Providence Journal First Team All-State as an offensive lineman,

Be it RESOLVED that Miguel Prata be congratulated by the Cranston School Committee for his hard work and dedication to the sport of

football, and

Be it further RESOLVED that he be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by members of the committee.

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ADMINISTRATION

PERSONNEL

NO. 06-2-13 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Jessica Capaldi Elementary/Middle Special Education

Katie Browne Secondary English

Lisa Connell Early Childhood Elementary, PK-2

Tina McDonough Elementary

Michael Hassell Music, PK-12

Sherry Powell Elementary/Middle Special Education

Roxanne Phillips Elementary

Angela Briggs Elementary/Middle Special Education

Jane Porricelli General Subject Matter, K-12

Lauren Tomasso Secondary English

Kimberly Cheviaan General Subject Matter, K-12

Craig Schmidt Secondary Mathematics

Tracey Watson Elementary, 1-6

Cendhi Arias Early Childhood, PK-2

Sarah Tavis Elementary/Middle Special Education

NO. 06-2-14 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the retirement of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Barbara Tarczuk, Teacher

Eden Park

Effective Date: June 30, 2006

NO. 06-2-15 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignations of the following certified personnel be accepted:

Robert Snow, Principal

Eden Park School

Effective Date: June 30, 2006

Michael Pacheco, Assistant Principal

Cranston High School West

Effective Date: February 28, 2006

Stephanie Martin, Occupational Therapist

Special Services

Effective Date: February 28, 2006

Kimberly Saccucci, Occupational Therapist

Special Services

Effective Date: February 17, 2006

Sheri L. Poyant, Teacher

Elementary

Effective Date: February 7, 2006

Heather Folmsbee, Teacher
Special Education
Effective Date: February 7, 2006

NO. 06-2-16 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following coaches be appointed:

Brian Flinn, Assistant, Fastpitch Softball

Step – 1

Class – C

Playing Competition- None

Experience – Volunteer Assistant, Fastpitch Softball, Cranston High School East

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified

Scott Maynard – Assistant, Girls' Lacrosse

Step - 1

Class – D

Playing Competition – None

Experience – Has coached on a recreational level for several years

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified

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Charles Pearson, Assistant, Girls' Lacrosse

Step – 1

Class – D

Playing Competition – None

Experience – None

Certification – Rhode Island Coaches Certification; CPR/First Aid Certified

NO. 06-2-17 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the resignation of the following coaches be accepted:

Cory Capirchio, Girls' Softball

Cranston High School West

Effective Date: January 6, 2006

Clement Soscia, Boys' Outdoor Track

Cranston High School West

Effective Date: February 1, 2006

NO. 06-2-18 – Whereas, there may be more qualified individuals who will apply for current positions, and

Whereas, certain positions became available after the teacher selection of July 26, 2005 and more senior teachers may elect to occupy these positions under Article XVI of the Collective Bargaining

Agreement, and

Whereas, funding for certain positions is not assured for the 2006-2007 school year, and as a result, more senior teachers could elect to take a current position, and

Whereas, positions occupied by retirees must be posted each year, and

Whereas, there may be changes in student distribution, and as a result, more senior teachers may take a current position, and

Whereas, positions must now be made available for more senior teachers who are scheduled to return from leave, and

Whereas, because of these concerns, and in accordance with Title 16 of the General laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Superintendent has recommended that the employment of certain teachers be terminated at the end of the 2005-2006 school year, and

Whereas, the Superintendent has sent prior notice to said teachers informing them of the specific reasons for their termination, and

Whereas, the Committee has provided said teachers with the opportunity to be heard in Executive Session regarding their termination,

Be it RESOLVED that said teachers be terminated at the close of the school year under provisions of Title 16 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent notify those teachers of the Committee's action to terminate their employment.

NO. 06-2-19 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employee be recalled from layoff:

**Cynthia Sweet, Teacher Assistant
Glen Hills School
Effective Date: February 13, 2006**

NO. 06-2-20 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified employees be appointed:

**Nancy Hackett, Bus Driver
Transportation
Effective Date of Employment: February 13, 2006**

Fiscal Note: 14347543 517200

Jane MacDonald, Bus Driver

Transportation

Effective Date of Employment: February 13, 2006

Fiscal Note: 14347543 517200

Maria Quintanilla, Three-hour Food Service Worker

Food Service

Effective Date of Employment: January 30, 2006

Fiscal Note: 32947179 511000

NO. 06-2-21 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

SECRETARIES

Dorothy Miller

Cilla Reilly

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BUS DRIVER

Peter Colarusso

CUSTODIANS

Anthony Saccoccia

James Corio

Edward Gervais

Carlton Doyle

NO. 06-2-22 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of non-certified Employee A be accepted.

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 06-2-23 - RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Conferences and Field Trips of Long Duration be authorized:

1. Susan M. Bryan, Principal of Stadium School, to travel to San Antonio, Texas from March 30, 2006 to April 4, 2006 to attend the National Association of Elementary Principals Annual Conference.

2. John DeCristofaro, Principal of Arlington School, to travel to Boston, Massachusetts from April 19, 2006 to April 21, 2006 to attend a conference on “Linking Understanding by Design and Curriculum Mapping.”

3. Mr. Joel Gluck, teacher at the NEL/CPS Charter School, and

approximately twenty-five students to travel to Philadelphia, Gettysburg, and Hershey, Pennsylvania for an educational tour from May 11, 2006 to May 13, 2006.

4. Mr. Joel Gluck, teacher at the NEL/CPS Charter School, and approximately nineteen students to travel to Orlando, Florida from May 17, 2006 to May 21, 2006.

5. Paula Titon, advisor at Cranston High School West, and approximately thirty students to travel to Boston University from February 10, 2006 to February 12, 2006; to Northeastern University from March 2, 2006 to March 3, 2006 (Model Arab League) and to Northeastern University from May 12, 2006 to May 13, 2006 (Model UN) for a series of three field trips for members of the Model United Nations activity.

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6. Linda Stanelun, teacher and Math Coach at Oak Lawn School, to travel to St. Louis, Missouri to attend the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics and National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conferences from April 24, 2006 to April 26, 2006 (NCSM) and April 26, 2006 to April 29, 2006 (NCTM.)

7. Debra Lancia, teacher and Math Coach at Oak Lawn School, to travel to St. Louis, Missouri to attend the National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics and National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conferences from April 24, 2006 to April 26, 2006 (NCSM) and April 26, 2006 to April 29, 2006 (NCTM.)

XIII. Action Calendar/Action Agenda

XIV. New Business

XV. Pubic Hearing on Non-agenda Items

XVI. Announcement of Future Meetings

XVII. Adjournment

School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairman in advance.

Notice Posted: February 9, 2006